

housing alone would not ensure the eradication of blight, once and for all. We must therefore look for a less costly method to uplift this neighborhood.

More low rent public housing units are needed in this neighborhood. Their number is to be determined largely by the amount of dwelling units classified as dilapidated or needing major repair. The handful of dilapidated dwellings at the western end of Horton Street should also be included in this number. The Public Housing Administration of Housing and Home Finance Agency is the source for financial aid. Other kinds of Federal aid to private or semi-public construction of better housing which meets the objectives of neighborhood-wide renewal program are also available. Under sections 220 and 221 of the 1954 Housing Act, FHA mortgage insurance on liberal terms is obtainable for builders or corporations for such purposes. Section 220 aid is available for new or rehabilitated sales and rental housing whereas section 221 aid is available for the kind of housing provided for the displaced families due to demolition of their present dwellings.

More specifically, we recommend the following:

- Demolish all existing dilapidated dwellings and to replace them with low rent housing units with the eventual objective of providing the rentors with outright ownership. This strategy would go a long way in stabilizing a neighborhood through private incentives and mutual concern.
- Establish a neighborhood council composed of local residents. This would provide an outlet to discuss neighborhood wide problems and a framework for social cohesion.
- Provide a combination tot lot and playground with a baseball diamond in the general vicinity, so that youngsters and adults, especially the non-whites, seeking outdoor recreation, would have a place to play.
- Clean up the property adjacent to the railroad tracks. Dumping of refuse should be strictly prohibited. Paving and some landscaping with professional help are recommended. Parts of this area may be converted into an open air produce center, if sanitary conditions can be ensured.
- Plant street trees along both sides of Barbee Street.
- Install street lights across the length of Barbee Street.